

Senior "Stuff" Newsletter

January 26th, 2010

Alabama State University will host a special visitation Day on Saturday, January 30th. Let me know if you are interested.

Important Deadline!

UNA must receive completed applications and transcripts by Monday, **February 1st** to be scholarship eligible. Senior's that have previously applied as an early scholar must apply again as a first time freshmen. If you are or have been an early scholar you do not have to pay the \$25 application fee again, however you will have to do a paper application and mail it in. Online applications require the \$25 fee. Come by the guidance office to have your transcript sent. Students interested in a leadership scholarship must also include a resume.

Important Deadline!

Northwest- Shoals Community College

Scholarship applications are available in the guidance office. All applications must be returned to Mrs. Allman in the guidance office by **February 14th**!

College Financial Aid Night for high school seniors and their parents is Tuesday, February 23rd at 6:30 p.m. at Northwest-Shoals Community College- Shoals Campus in Building 127 Room 112-114. This is not just for students planning to attend NWSCC. It is for parents interested in more financial aid information. Information flyers available in the guidance office.

E-Day at Auburn University is February 26th at 8:00 a.m to noon. This is an excellent event to attend for those students planning on studying engineering at Auburn. <http://www.eng.auburn.edu/admin/ess/visit/eday/index.html>
Go to the web address listed above or come by the guidance office.

Alabama Association of School Office Personnel Scholarship

Application must be **received** to the appropriate address by **March 1st** so mail it early. Applicants must be planning to pursue a degree from the college of business or a degree in K-12 education.

Best Buy @15 Scholarship Program

Apply Dec. 28th, 2009 - February 15, 2010
1,000 scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded. Apply on-line at www.bestbuy.com/scholarships or www.at15.com

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

All applications must be received to the appropriate address by March 15th so mail it early. Requires: wallet size photo, completed application, transcript, two letters of recommendation and a resume.

Alabama Conservation District Employees Association Scholarship

Six \$500 Scholarships will be awarded. Applicants should be active in student affairs and/or show leadership abilities. Two recommendations and a paragraph telling why you are applying for the scholarship are required. Applications must be received at the appropriate address by **March 5th**.

University of Montevallo

Valedictorian / Salutatorian Scholarship Program
Honor Student Scholarship Program - 18 Act and 4.0 GPA required.
Let me know if you are interested in Montevallo.

Dr. Walker Dempsey Hospital Foundation, Inc. Scholarship Program

Four \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded. The scholarship awards are based on GPA and need, whether financial or other hardship. Applications must be postmarked by April 15th. Short essay on explaining your unique qualification for a scholarship required.

Senior Supplies: Caps, Gowns, Invitations

The school is no longer accepting Balfour orders. Supplies can be ordered by mailing the order form with a cashiers check or credit card information to the address on the order form or supplies can be ordered online at www.balfour.com. Orders must be place by January 31st to guarantee on time delivery and to avoid late fees. See Mrs. Starkey if you have questions.

Scholarship offers - Some of you have already received scholarship offers.

At this point I would accept all scholarship offers. As we get closer to the end of the year and final decisions are made you may politely decline scholarships to schools that you do not plan to attend. Please remember to save all scholarship offers. I will be asking you to turn those in for honor day recognition.

Hispanic College Fund Scholarships (<http://scholarships.hispanicfund.org>)

To qualify: 3.0 GPA and US Citizenship. Go to the website listed above for more information.

\$500 Morrison Funeral Homes Outstanding Service Scholarship

3.0 GPA required - Only one student from Muscle Shoals High School may be nominated. Interested students should submit a resume to Mrs. Allman no later than February 1st.

AXA Achievement Community Scholarship - for students who have ambition and drive, determination to set and reach goals, respect for self, family and community, and the ability to succeed in college. Download an application for a \$2,000 college scholarship at: www.axa-achievement.com Apply by February 15, 2010

If you are a child of an active duty, reserve/guard, or retired military personnel you may be eligible for a scholarship under the **2010 Scholarships for Military Children Program**. More info is available in the guidance office or at www.militaryscholar.org. All applications must be returned to the commissary's customer service or administrative office before February 17th. Applications will not be accepted after this date.

The KFC Colonel's Scholars Program is dedicated to assisting students with financial need who plan to pursue a bachelor's degree at a public institution within their state of legal residence. The online application will be available from Dec. 1 2009 - Feb. 10, 2010 at www.kfcscholars.org. This application will required some work, but the winner will receive \$5,000 per year.

Gates Millennium Scholars (www.gmsp.org)

Lengthy application but great scholarship opportunity. Eligibility criteria:

- African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American or Hispanic American
- GPA - 3.3 or higher

Kids' Chance Scholarship Fund - This is a scholarship fund set up for children who have had a parent killed or permanently and totally disabled in an on the job accident. The deadline for submitting is May 1st. the application can be found at www.alfinc.org . Let me know if you think you may qualify. I will be glad to help.

Please come by the guidance office and see me about anything included in this newsletter or if you need anything at all!

Mrs. Allman

FAFSA

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

For Freshmen Year in College

The government uses the FAFSA to determine your eligibility for financial aid which includes: grants, work study, scholarships and loans. Your parents will need information from the **2009 federal tax return**. Go to the website listed above. Follow the steps 1, 2 & 3 listed. Don't skip the step under 1 where you and your parent apply for a pin number. Be sure and print off the FAFSA on the web worksheet. You will be asked which colleges you want to receive your federal aid report. The college codes are listed under step 1. The **2010 – 2011 FAFSA** is the form used for students trying to get aid for the 2010 – 2011 school year. The worksheet is very helpful. The actual form can only be done online and if you receive grants, work study, loans, etc. you must reapply each year to continue receiving. The financial aid offices at the schools you are applying to can be very helpful if you have questions.

Free class at Shoals this summer

Northwest -Shoals will provide a free 3 hour class for anyone who completes the 2009-2010 FAFSA. **2008 federal tax return** is required to fill out the form. You will use the same website listed above. Just be sure you do the **2009-2010 form** which is good for the summer only and be sure to use the Federal Code for NW-SCC which is 005697. Once you have results from FAFSA you will go to Shoals and register for the free class. NWSCC calls this the Jump Start Program. If you take advantage of this it means you will be doing the FAFSA twice. Once for the summer (2009-2010 form) and once for your Freshmen year in college. (2010-2011 form.) Please pick up a Jump Start brochure.